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Union votes to strike at General Motors' U.S. plants

By TOM KRISHER
DETROIT (AP) — The
United Auto Workers union announced
Sunday that its roughly
49,000 workers at General Motors plants in
the U.S. would go on
strike just before midnight because contentious talks on a new
contract had broken
down.

About 200 plant-level union leaders voted unanimously in favor of a walkout during a meeting Sunday morning in Detroit. Union leaders said the sides were still far apart on several major issues and they apparently weren't swayed by a GM offer to make new products at or near two of the four plants it had been planning to close, according to someone briefed on the matter.

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Terry Dittes, director of the UAW GM department, announces that GM workers will go on a national strike at midnight on Sunday Sept. 15, 2019 in the Marriott Renaissance Hotel, in Detroit, Mi.

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"We stood up for General Motors when they needed us most," union Vice President Terry Dittes said in a statement, referring to union concessions that helped GM survive bankruptcy protection in 2009. "Now we are standing together in unity and solidarity for our members."

It's still possible that bargainers could return to the table and hammer out an agreement, but union spokesman Brian Rothenberg said at a news conference that it would be unlikely because it is hard to believe they could resolve so many issues before 11:59

GM on Friday offered to build a new all-electric pickup truck at a factory in Detroit that is slated to close next year, according someone who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because that person wasn't authorized to disclose details of the negotiations, which hadn't been released to the public. The automaker also offered to open an electric vehicle battery plant in Lordstown, Ohio, where it has a plant that has already stopped making cars. The new factory would be in addition to a proposal to make electric vehicles for a company called Workhorse, the person said.

It's unclear how many workers the two plants would employ. The closures, especially of the Ohio plant, have become issues in the 2020 presidential campaign. President Donald Trump has consistently criticized the company and demanded that Lordstown be reopened.

The UAW's Rothenberg said the company made general statements about why it is planning to strike, but he would not comment further on GM's offer. The union said it would strike for fair wages, affordable health care, profit sharing, job security and a path to to expire Saturday night. permanent employment for temporary workers.

In a statement, GM also said the offer made to the union on Saturday included more than \$7 billion in and the creation of 5,400

new positions, a minority of which would be filled by existing employees. GM would not give a precise number. The investments would be made at factories in four states, two of which were not identified.

The statement also said the company offered "best in class wages and benefits," improved profit sharing and a payment of \$8,000 to each worker upon ratification. The offer included wage or lump sum increases in all four years of the deal, plus "nationally leading" health benefits.

The announcement came hours after the union let its contract with GM expire Saturday night.

If there is a strike, picketers would shut down a total of 53 GM facilities, including 33 manufacturing sites and 22 parts distribution warehouses. GM has factories in Michigan, Ohio, New York, Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas, Missouri, Indiana and Kansas.On Saturday, Dittes, the union's chief bargainer, said in a letter to GM members that after months of bargaining, both the union and GM were far apart on issues such as wages, health care, temporary employees, job security and profit-sharing. The letter to members and another one to GM were aimed at turning up the pressure on GM negotiators.

A strike would bring to a halt GM's U.S. production, and would likely stop the company from making vehicles in Canada and Mexico as well. That would mean fewer vehicles for consumers to choose from on dealer lots, and it would make it impossible to build specially ordered cars and trucks.

The strike would be the union's first since a two-day work stoppage at GM in 2007.

On Friday, union leaders extended contracts with Ford and Fiat Chrysler indefinitely, but the pact with General Motors was still set

The union picked GM, which is more profitable than Ford and Fiat Chrysler, as the target company, meaning it's the focus of bargaining and would be U.S. factory investments the first company to face a walkout. Talks between the



UAW picket signs stick in the fence along Van Slyke Road in front of the General Motors Flint Assembly plant in Flint, Michigan on Sunday, September 15, 2019.

Associated Press

union and GM were tense from the start, largely because GM plans to close four U.S. factories, including the one on the Detroit border with the enclave of Hamtramck, and Lordstown. The union has promised to fight the closures.

Here are the main areas of disagreement:

 — GM is making big money, \$8 billion last year alone, and workers want a bigger slice. The union wants annual pay raises to guard against an economic downturn, but the company wants to pay lump sums tied to earnings. Automakers don't want higher fixed

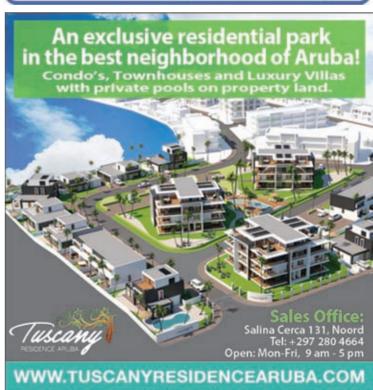
— The union also wants new products for the four factories GM wants to close. The factory plans have irked some workers, although most of those who were laid off will get jobs at other GM factories. GM currently has too much U.S. factory capacity.

 The companies want to close the labor cost gap with workers at plants run by foreign automakers. GM pays \$63 per hour in wages and benefits compared with \$50 at the foreign-owned factories. GM's

gap is the largest at \$13 per hour, followed by Ford at \$11 and Fiat Chrysler at \$5, according to figures from the Center for Automotive Research.

 Union members have health insurance plans and workers pay about 4% of the cost. Employees at large firms nationwide pay about 34%, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. The automakers would like to cut costs.





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Police: No sign that Duluth synagogue fire was hate crime

DULUTH, Minn. (AP) — A fire tion and the entire Jewish that destroyed a historic synagogue in northeastern Minnesota doesn't appear to have been a hate crime, authorities said Sunday in discussing the arrest of a suspect.

Matthew James Amiot, 36, of Duluth, was arrested Friday in the fire last week at the Adas Israel Congregation in downtown Duluth, the city's police chief, Mike Tusken, said at a news conference.

Tusken said he has no reason to believe the fire was a hate crime, although the investigation is ongoing. Police are recommending that prosecutors charge Amiot, who has no permanent address, with firstdegree arson. A criminal complaint is expected to be filed mid-week, he said. The blaze started in a shed outside the synagogue and spread into the building early Monday, fire Chief Shawn Krizaj said. No accelerants were found.

Investigators from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were called in to assist in the investigation, which is standard when fires break out in places of worship.

struck by falling debris was taken to a hospital, treated and released. That firefighter is still recovering from a concussion and doing well, Krizaj said.

Mayor Emily Larson said the city continues to offer "our heartfelt condolences" to the Adas Israel congregacommunity.

"This has been a very, very difficult week for this community," Larson told reporters. Phillip Sher, past president of the synagogue, would not speculate on a motive. "We're not out for vengeance. All I can find out of this event is sadness for everyone," he said.

Sher said it was "extremely sad" for the congregation not to have a home for the Sabbath on Saturday. The charred ruins were released to the congregation on Thursday, and the congregation is exploring how to remove the building, he said.

Steve Hunegs, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas, said in a statement Sunday that while authorities don't think the fire was a hate crime, "the destruction of Adas Israel Congregation remains a tragedy for generations of Jewish Duluthians." He added that the group has heard from families with decades of history within the congregation. "We understand that our Jewish community feels uneasy in this current One firefighter who was political and social environment where synagogues, mosques, and predominantly black churches have been attacked in recent years. The image of a house of worship ablaze is a searing reminder of the challenges we face with rising anti-Semitism and bigotry in this country," Hunegs

Police previously have had "multiple contacts" with Amiot, but nothing that rose to the level of arson, the police chief said. Authorities are unaware if Amiot has had previous contact with the synagogue. He remains in jail, and the police chief said Amiot probably does not have a defense attorney yet. Eight of 14 Torah scrolls, the holy books of Judaism, that were in the synagogue were saved.



This undated booking photo from the St. Louis (Minnesota) County Sheriff's Office shows Matthew James Amiot, who was arrested Friday, Sept. 13, 2019, in connection to last week's fire at the Adas Israel Congregation, in Duluth, Minn.





Gun control must include background checks, Dems tell Trump

By HOPE YEN **Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Con-Democratic gressional leaders warned President Donald Trump on Sunday that any proposal on gun control must include a House-passed bill to expand background checks for gun purchases — or else risk no legislation at all.

In a joint statement, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer said they spoke Sunday morning by phone with Trump, who planned to announce as soon as this week what measures he supported.

Pelosi, D-Calif., and Schumer, D-N.Y., said they made clear that any proposal lacking the House legislation "will not get the job done" by leaving dangerous loopholes.

"We know that to save as many lives as possible, the Senate must pass this bill and the president must sign it," they said.



Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., meets with reporters just after the House Judiciary Committee approved guidelines for impeachment hearings on President Donald Trump, at the Capitol in Washington, Thursday, Sept. 12, 2019.

Associated Press

A White House spokesman, Judd Deere, confirmed that Trump spoke with the Democratic leaders at their request and indicated to them a desire to find a "bipartisan legislative solution" but made no commitments.

"The conversation was cordial," Deere said. "The president reiterated his commitment for his administration to continue work on these issues."

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has declined to hold a vote on the bill, which was approved by the Democratic-controlled House in February. He says it's not clear the Senate would be able to pass the legislation or that Trump would sign it The bill would expand background checks to cover private sales such as one that allowed a Texas shooting suspect to purchase his weapon before killing seven people last month.

Trump and White House aides have discussed a number of gun-control measures with members of Congress, including steps to go after fraudulent buyers, notify state and local law enforcement when a potential buyer fails a background check, issue state-level emergency risk protection orders, boost mental health assistance and speed up executions for those found guilty of committing mass shootings. Pelosi and Schumer said they promised Trump that if he endorses the House legislation on background checks and gets McConnell to act on it, they would join the president "for a historic signing ceremony at the Rose Garden." Their

call with Trump, which took place shortly after 11 a.m., lasted about 10 minutes, according to a Democrat-

"We will not stop until these bills are passed and our children's lives are safe," the Democratic leaders said.

After a summer of devastating mass shootings, Congress has struggled to reach agreement on legislation to curb gun violence as Trump pledged to protect the Second Amendment and wavered on what kind of bill he wants the lawmakers to send for his signature.But while the president has waffled publicly on expanded background checks, he has directed his staff to continue to work with lawmakers — including Republican Sen. Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania and Democratic Sens. Chris Murphy of Connecticut and Joe Manchin of West Virginia — to try to hash out an agreement he can support.

Dem presidential candidates call for Kavanaugh's impeachment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sev- tial candidates on Sunday peachment of Supreme eral Democratic presiden- lined up to call for the im- Court Justice Brett Kavana-

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ugh in the face of a new, uninvestigated, allegation of sexual impropriety when he was in college.

Kavanaugh was confirmed last October after emotional hearings in the Senate over a sexual assault allegation from his high school years. The New York Times now reports that Kavanaugh faced a separate allegation from his time at Yale University and that the FBI did not investigate the claim. The latest claim mirrors one offered during his confirmation process by Deborah Ramirez, a Yale classmate who claimed Kavanaugh exposed himself to her during a drunken party.

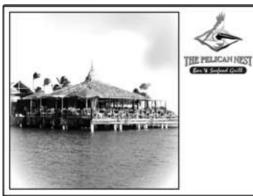
When he testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee last year, Kavanaugh denied all allegations of impropriety

Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., said after the new report that "Brett Kavanaugh lied to the U.S. Senate and most importantly to the American people." She tweeted: "He must be impeached." A 2020 rival, Massachu-

setts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, tweeted that "Confirmation is not exoneration, and these newest revelations are disturbing. Like the man who appointed him, Kavanaugh should be impeached." Former Texas Rep. Beto O'Rourke asserted in a tweeted, "We know he lied under oath. He should be impeached." He accused the GOP-run Senate of forcing the FBI "to rush its investigation to save his nomination."

Their comments followed similar ones from Julian Castro, a former U.S. housing secretary, on Saturday night. "It's more clear than ever that Brett Kavanaugh lied under oath," he tweeted. "He should be impeached and Congress should review the failure of the Department of Justice to properly investigate the matter." Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont didn't refer to impeachment by name in a tweet Sunday, but said he would "support any apconstitutional propriate mechanism" to hold Kavanaugh "accountable."





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New York moves to enact statewide flavored e-cig ban

By DEEPTI HAJELA **Associated Press**

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo is pushing to enact a statewide ban on the sale of flavored e-cigarettes amid growing health concerns connected to vaping, especially among young people.

The Democrat announced Sunday that the state health commissioner would be making a recommendation this week to the state Public Health and Health Planning Council. The council can issue emergency regulations that would go into effect as soon as they are voted on and start being enforced in as soon as two weeks, following a short grace period for retailers, officials said.

In announcing the action, Cuomo sharply criticized the flavors that are for sale, like bubble gum and cotton candy.

"These are obviously targeted to young people and highly effective at targeting young people," he said. Officials pointed to a significant increase of e-cigarettes by young people, which they said was driven by the flavors.

According to data from the state health department, nearly 40% of high school seniors and 27% of high school students overall in the state use e-cigarettes. High school use went from 10.5% in 2014 to 27.4% in The FDA has been able to

Nationwide, the 2019 National Youth Tobacco Sur- step, with officials looking vey showed traditional into whether flavors could cigarette usage continu- help cigarette smokers to ing to fall for students in 6th to 12th grade but vaping continuing to surge higher. The biggest player in the

industry, Juul Labs Inc., said it was reviewing the announcement, but agreed with the need for action.

tobacco- and mentholflavored e-cigarettes, but Cuomo said the Department of Health would continue evaluating and that could change.

Not including menthol brought criticism for Cuomo from some quarters.

Cuomo "had the opportunity to take decisive action, but instead left menthol e-cigarettes on the marketplace," said Harold Wimmer, president and CEO of the American Lung Association, in an email statement. "While today's announcement was wellintentioned, it will drive our youth to use menthol flavored products in even greater numbers."

Cuomo signed legislation earlier this year raising the statewide smoking age to 21, and earlier this month signed a mandate that requires state anti-tobacco campaigns to also include vaping.

Vaping is also under a federal spotlight, as health authorities look into hundreds of breathing illnesses reported in people who have used e-cigarettes and other vaping devices.

In his first public comments on vaping, President Donald Trump proposed a similar federal ban last week.

ban vaping flavors since 2016, but hasn't taken the

The global market is estimated to have a value of as much as \$11 billion. The

industry has spent a lot of money in states around the country to lobby against state-level flavored e-cig-The ban would not impact arette bans, in states including Hawaii, California, Maine and Connecticut.

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer earlier this month ordered that state's health department to come out with emergency rules to prohibit flavored e-cigarette sales.



In this Jan. 29, 2019 file photo, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo holds a news conference in the Red Room at the state Capitol

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Rise in health uninsured may be linked to immigrants' fears

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WASHINGTON (AP)

When the Census Bureau reported an increase in the number of people without health insurance in America, it sent political partisans reaching for talking points on the Obama-era health law and its travails. But the new numbers suggest that fears of the Trump administration's immigration crackdown may be a more significant factor in the slippage.

Overall, the number of uninsured in the U.S. rose by 1.9 million people in 2018, the agency report this past week. It was the first jump in nearly a decade. An estimated 27.5 million people, or 8.5% of the population, lacked coverage the entire year. Such increases are considered unusual in a strong economy.

The report showed that a drop in low-income people enrolled in Medicaid was the most significant factor behind the higher number of uninsured people.

Hispanics were the only major racial and ethnic category with a significant increase in their uninsured rate. It rose by 1.6 percentage points in 2018, with nearly 18% lacking coverage. There was no significant change in health insurance for non-Hispanic



In this Aug. 13, 2019, file photo, a worker gets ready to pass out instructions in how fill out the 2020 census during a town hall meeting in Lithonia, Ga.

Associated Press

whites, blacks and Asians. "Some of the biggest declines in coverage are coming among Latinos and noncitizens," said Larry Levitt of the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation, who tracks trends in health insurance coverage. "These declines in coverage are coming at a time when the Trump administration has tried to curb immigration and discourage immigrants from using public benefits like Medicaid."

Health care is the defining issue for Democrats vying

for their party's 2020 presidential nomination. Candidates wasted no time in Thursday's debate highlighting the split between progressives such as Sens. Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren , who favor a government-run system for all, including people without legal permission to be in the country, and moderates like former Vice President Joe Biden. He supports building on the Affordable Care Act and adding a new public plan option, open to U.S. citizens and legal residents.

insured rate, Democratic said the census figures show the administration's "sabotage" of the Obama health law.

The administration issued a statement blaming the law's high premiums, unaffordable for solid middleclass people who do not qualify for financial assistance. "The reality is we will continue to see the number of uninsured increase until we address the underlying issues in Obamacare that have failed the American people," the statement said.

While the report found an increase in the uninsured rate among solid middleclass people the Trump administration wants to help, there was no significant change in employer coverage or in plans that Although the candidates consumers purchase didid not dwell on the un-rectly. Those are the types it less comfortable for peoof health insurance that congressional leaders have middle-class workers tend to have. Other patterns in the data pointed to an immigration link.

> Health economist Richard Frank of Harvard Medical School said the data "suggest that we are dealing

with immigration ... potentially in some unexpected ways." Frank was a highranking health policy adviser in the Obama administration.

The uninsured rate for foreign-born people, including those who have become U.S. citizens, also rose significantly, mirroring the shift among Hispanics.

Frank noted that immigrant families often include foreign-born and nativeborn relatives, "and you can imagine the new approach to immigration inhibiting these people from doing things that would make them more visible to public authorities," such as applying for government health care programs.

Immigrants' fears may also be part of the reason for a significant increase in the number of uninsured children in 2018, said Katherine Hempstead, a senior health policy expert with the nonpartisan Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, which works to expand coverage. Among immigrant children who have become citizens, the uninsured rate rose by 2.2 percentage points in 2018, to 8.6%. The increase was greater among kids who are not citizens.

"There are a lot of kids eligible for public coverage but not enrolled because of various things that make ple to enroll in public coverage," said Hempstead

The administration's "public charge" regulation, which could deny green cards to migrants who use government benefits such as Medicaid was finalized this year. 🔲



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Over 2,000 fetal remains found at ex-doctor's home

JOLIET, III. (AP) — More than night that "we are horrified" 2,000 medically preserved fetal remains have been found at the Illinois home of a former Indiana abortion clinic doctor who died last week, authorities said.

The Will County Sheriff's Office said in a news release late Friday that an attorney for Dr. Ulrich Klopfer's family contacted the coroner's office Thursday about possible fetal remains being found at the home in an unincorporated part of Will County in northeastern IIlinois.

The sheriff's office said authorities found 2,246 preserved fetal remains but there's no evidence medical procedures were performed at the home.

The coroner's office took possession of the remains. An investigation is underway.

A message left Saturday seeking additional comment on the discovery was not returned by the Will County Sheriff's Office investigations department.

Klopfer, who died Sept. 3, was a longtime doctor at an abortion clinic in South Bend, Indiana. It closed after the state revoked the clinic's license in 2015. The Indiana State Department of Health had previously issued complaints against the clinic, accusing it of lacking a registry of patients, policies regarding medical abortion, and a governing body to determine policies.

The state agency also accused the clinic of failing to document that patients get state-mandated education at least 18 hours before an abortion.

tion doctor, with thousands of procedures performed in multiple Indiana counties over several decades, the South Bend Tribune re-

Mike Fichter, the president of Indiana Right to Life, said in a statement sent Friday

by the discovery of the fetal remains at Klopfer's Illinois residence. He called for Indiana authorities to help determine whether those remains have any connection to abortion operations in Indiana.

"These sickening reports underscore why the abortion industry must be held to the highest scrutiny," Fichter said in the statement.

A message left Saturday by The Associated Press for a spokesman for Gov. Eric Holcomb asking if Indiana officials would investigate was not immediately re-

Klopfer's license was suspended by Indiana's Medical Licensing Board in November 2016 after the panel found a number of violations, including a failure to ensure that qualified staff was present when patients received or recovered from medications given before and during abortion procedures.

Klopfer was no longer practicing by that time, but he told the panel he had never lost a patient in 43 years of doing abortions and that he hoped to eventually reopen his clinics.

In June 2014, Klopfer was charged in St. Joseph County, Indiana, with a misdemeanor for failure to file a timely public report. He was accused of waiting months to report an abortion he provided to a 13-year-old girl in South Bend. That charge was later dropped after Klopfer completed a pre-trial diversion program.

Republican U.S. Rep. Jackie Walorski, R-Indiana, Klopfer was believed to be called the discovery of the Indiana's most prolific abor- fetal remains "sickening beyond words" in a statement released by her office.

> "He was responsible for thousands of abortions in Indiana, and his careless treatment of human remains is an outrage," she said in her statement.

In May, the U.S. Supreme



This image made from a Dec. 1, 2015, video provided by WNDU-TV shows Ulrich Klopfer in South Bend, Ind.

Associated Press

Court upheld an Indiana law requiring the burial or cremation of fetal remains following abortions in the state. That law was signed by Vice President Mike Pence in 2016 when he was Indiana's governor, but it was the subject of legal challenges.

The Indiana State Depart-

oversees abortion clinic regulation, has integrated that law's provisions into the agency's existing licensing process.

Prior to the ruling, Indiana clinics could turn over fetal remains to processors who handle the disposal of human tissues or other medical material by

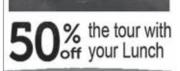














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Outsider, jailed tycoon top Tunisian presidential vote

By BOUAZZA BEN BOUAZZA TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — A jailed media magnate and an independent outsider appeared likely to face off in Tunisia's presidential runoff, after a roller coaster first-round race in the country that unleashed the Arab Spring pro-democracy uprisings.

Official preliminary results are expected in the next couple of days from Sunday's voting, in which corunemployment and Islamic extremism were among key campaign issues. A second-round vote is expected by Oct. 13, the electoral commission chief

An exit poll by agency Sigma Conseil forecast what would be a surprising result:



Ennahdha's presidential candidate Abdelfattah Mourou casts his ballot in a polling station during the first round of the presidential election, in La Marsa, outside Tunis, Tunisia, Sunday Sept. 15, 2019.

Associated Press

independent Rais Saied, a constitutional law professor without a party.

Tycoon Nabil Karoui, jailed

laundering and tax evasion charges, was predicted to come in second with 15.5%, according to the poll.

Karoui's supporters quickly declared victory, and his wife Salwa said his legal team is pushing for his release as soon as Monday. She read a letter he wrote from jail in which he said the apparent results reflected "the Tunisian people's wish to see change, to say no to injustice, no to poverty, no to marginalization and yes to a fair state."

The polling agency projected the candidate of moderate Islamist party Ennahdha, Abdelfattah Mourou,



lowed by Defense Minister Abdeldrim Zbidi and then Prime Minister Youssef Chahed, who had been considered a top contender.

Sigma Conseil said it questioned 38,900 people at 778 of Tunisia's 4,554 polling stations, spread out over 27 of the country's 33 regions. It claimed the poll had a margin of error of 1%.

The electoral commission announced that overall turnout was a relatively low 45%. If no candidate wins more than 50% of Sunday's vote, the election goes to a second round. The exact date of the runoff will be announced once the final first-round results are declared.

Both Saied and Karoui promised to fight unemployment, a key problem in Tunisia that also helped drive its 2011 revolution.

Saied has no political background but notably picked up support among young voters with his straightforward, anti-system image and constitutional law background. Corruption frustrates many voters, which might have increased the appeal of an outsider candidate.

Karoui meanwhile positioned himself as the candidate of the poor, notably using his TV network to raise money for charity. His arrest appears to have mobilized voters in the struggling provinces or those who feel sidelined in the Tunisian economy. Karoui was allowed to remain in the race because he has not been convicted.

The voting followed a noisy but brief campaign — 12 days - marked by backbiting and charges of corruption among the contenders. All vowed to boost the country's flagging economy and protect it port in parliament.

would come in third, fol- from further deadly attacks by Islamist extremists.

> Tunisia is in many ways an exception in the Arab world, with its budding democracy lurching forward despite challenges. Some 6,000 Tunisian and international observers, including from the European Union and the United States, monitored the vote.

> More than 100,000 security forces were on guard Sunday as 7 million registered voters were called to the polls. Military surveillance was especially tight in border regions near Algeria and Libya where Islamist extremists are active.

> Sunday's election follows the death in office in July of the nation's first democratically elected leader, Beji Caid Essebsi. His widow, Chadlia Saida Farhat, died Sunday at age 83, as Tunisians were voting.

> This is only the second democratic presidential election that Tunisia has seen since the 2011 popular uprising brought down autocrat Zine El Abidine Ben Ali and triggered uprisings across the Arab world.

> "The most important thing is that the vote be transparent ... and reflect the choice of voters," said retired journalist Radhia Ziadi, alluding to the days when Ben Ali won election after election with well over 90% of the votes.

> Tunis voter Sonia Juini summed up the overall sentiment as she cast her ballot, expressing hope the new president would make Tunisia more secure and "improve living conditions and take care of marginalized areas."

> Tunisia is also holding its parliamentary election on Oct. 6, another challenge since the new president's success will depend on having sup-





Italian hard-liner Salvini vows to return League to power

By COLLEEN BARRY **Associated Press** PONTIDA, Italy (AP) —

Down but not out, Matteo Salvini pledged Sunday to tens of thousands of diehard backers of his populist League that he will return to power stronger than before, as he seeks to rebound from a grave political miscalculation that pushed his party from government.

"I'd rather concede seven ministry posts to traitors now that we will win back with interest and transparency in a few months," Salvini told an annual pilgrimage of cheering, banner-waving League voters to a foothill Lombard town with long historical associations to nationalist movements.

on additional significance Salvini whips up his base in opposition to the 5-Star-Democratic Party government that took office this month after his failed move to force new elections landed the League as the head of Italy's opposition and deprived him of his bully pulpit as the hard-line anti-migrant interior minister.

"I expect (Salvini) will continue to be an effective force because the issues he gained credibility for migration, taxes and security — remain salient," said Roberto D'Alimonte, a political science professor at Rome's LUISS University. "And if the (new) government does not address these issues, Salvini's strength will remain pretty much the same."

The League remains the most popular party in Italy, and the League voters attending the Pontida pilgrimage made clear they were behind their "captain."

Many in the crowd placed the blame for Salvini's fate on the grassroots 5-Star Movement for quickly realigning itself from its League coalition to form a autonomy from Rome.

one-time enemy, the cen- and recent shift in Salvini ter-left Democratic Party. They branded Premier Giuseppe Conte, head of both governments, a trai-

Luca Carminati, a laborer from nearby Bergamo, said he switched from voting for the center-right to the League five years ago. He said he has seen his boss struggling to keep a small business afloat in the face of high taxation and bureaucracy.

"I like Salvini because he is the only one that fights the idea of a European Union, which I do not support, because I believe the European bureaucrats do not do Italy any good," Carminati said. Salvini "is trying to give This year's gathering took value to the Italian people again."

> During his speech Salvini muted his often-fiery tones, urging supporters to be patient and polite in their political discourse. This came after a League lawmaker from Veneto drew fire for insulting Italy's president a day earlier. Still, speakers who took the stage before Salvini spoke of revolution and resistance, and the rank-and-file verbally attacked Italian leftist journalist Gad Lerner, who was flanked by police bodyauards. Lerner has often clashed with Salvini.

> Salvini also hit a euro-skeptic note as he warned Italy's European allies in shaky French, German and English that "the Italian people are no one's servant."

> Speaking to his base, Salvini said he would make a long-sought flat-tax of 15% a priority if he lands back in government and that in the meantime he would take the fight against migration to the level of local and regional governments, where the League has long prospered. He railed against Islam, burgas and pressed for more regional

new government with the D'Alimonte noted a subtle

when he acknowledged that the new government is formally legitimate under the parliamentary system. D'Alimonte said the position indicated "he wants to play by the rules," though it remains to be seen if that sticks.

Salvini needs to demonstrate even more profound change if he wants to return to power, said analyst Stefano Folli of La Repubblica. His political stumble has challenged his image as "a winner," and his association with extreme-right parties in France and Germany has flagged him a threat to Europe. "Salvini is an extreme-right danger that Europe cannot accept. If he maintains that position, he finishes his story," Folli said.



Leader of The League party, Matteo Salvini, speaks at a party's rally in Pontida, northern Italy, Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019.

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requires a deep cultural shift and a complicated political journey — and be-

"If he can change — which comes an element of the conservative right in the European dynamic, he could return to government."







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Attack on Saudi oil sites raises risks amid US-Iran tension

By JON GAMBRELL **Associated Press** DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — A weekend drone attack on Saudi Arabia that cut into global energy supplies and halved the kingdom's oil production threatened Sunday to fuel regional tensions, as Iran denied U.S. allegations it launched the assault and tensions remained high over Tehran's collapsing nuclear deal with world powers.

Iran called the U.S. claims "maximum lies," while a commander in its paramilitary Revolutionary Guard reiterated its forces could strike U.S. military bases across the Mideast with its arsenal of ballistic missiles. A prominent U.S. senator suggested striking Iranian oil refineries in response for the assault claimed by Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi rebels on Saudi Arabia's largest oil processing facility.

"Because of the tension and sensitive situation, our region is like a powder keg," warned Guard Brig. Gen. Amir Ali Hajizadeh. "When these contacts come too close, when forces come into contact with one another, it is possible a conflict happens because of a misunderstanding."

Actions on any side could break into the open a twilight war that's been raging just below the surface of the wider Persian Gulf over the last months. Already,



This Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019, satellite image from Planet Labs Inc. shows thick black smoke rising from Saudi Aramco's Abqaiq oil processing facility in Buqyaq, Saudi Arabia.

Associated Press

there's been mysterious attacks on oil tankers that America blames on Tehran, at least one suspected Israeli strike on Shiite forces in Iraq, and Iran shooting down a U.S. military surveillance drone.

The attack Saturday on Saudi Arabia's Abgaig plant and its Khurais oil field led to the interruption of an estimated 5.7 million barrels of the kingdom's crude oil production per day, equivalent to over 5% of the world's daily supply. It remains unclear how King med bin Salman, will respond to an attack targeting what analysts describe as the heart of the Saudi oil industry.

Late Saturday, U.S. Secre-

tary of State Mike Pompeo directly blamed Iran for the Saudi attack on Twitter, without offering evidence to support his claim.

"Amid all the calls for deescalation, Iran has now launched an unprecedented attack on the world's energy supply," Pompeo wrote. "There is no evidence the attacks came from Yemen."

The U.S., Western nations, their Gulf Arab allies and U.N. experts say Iran supplies the Houthis with weapons and drones — a Salman and his assertive charge that Tehran denies. son, Crown Prince Moham- U.S. officials previously alleged at least one recent drone attack on Saudi Arabia came from Iraq, where Iran backs Shiite militias. Those militias in recent weeks have been targeted themselves by mysterious airstrikes, with at least one believed to have been carried out by Israel.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi on Sunday dismissed Pompeo's remarks as "blind and futile comments."

"The Americans adopted 'maximum pressure' policy against Iran, which, due to its failure, is leaning towards 'maximum lies,'" Mousavi said in a statement.

Separately, Iraqi Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi's office issued a statement on targeting Iran. Sunday denying the drone attack came from there.

Iraq "abides by its constitutions that prevents the use of its lands to launch aggressions against neighboring countries," the state-

Houthi leader Muhammad al-Bukh reiterated his group's claim of responsibility Sunday, telling The Associated Press it exploited "vulnerabilities" in Saudi air defenses to strike the targets. He did not elaborate. Iran, meanwhile, kept up with its own threats Sunday as well. Hajizadeh, the Guard brigadier general who leads its aerospace program, gave an interview published across Iranian media that discussed Iran's downing of the U.S. drone in July. He said Guard forces were ready for a counterattack if America responded, naming the Al-Udeid Air Base in Qatar and Al-Dhafra Air Base near Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates as immediate targets, as well as Navy ships in the Persian Gulf and the Arabian Sea. "Wherever they are, it only takes one spark and we hit their vessels, their air bases, their troops," he said in a video published online with English subtitles.

It wasn't just Iranians making threats. U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, a South Carolina Republican close to President Donald Trump, suggested retaliatory strikes

"Iran will not stop their misbehavior until the consequences become more real, like attacking their refineries, which will break the regime's back," Graham wrote on Twitter.



Violence flares after Hong Kong protesters defy police ban

PHOEBE LAI Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Police fired chemical-laced blue water and tear gas at protesters who lobbed Molotov cocktails outside the Hong Kong government office complex Sunday, as violence flared anew after thousands of pro-democracy supporters marched through downtown in defiance of a police ban.

A mixed crowd of hardcore protesters in black and wearing masks, along with families with children, spilled into the roads of the Causeway Bay shopping belt and marched for over 2 kilometers (1.2 miles) to the central business district. Some waved U.S. and British flags, while others carried posters reiterating their calls for democratic reforms.

Police had turned down a request by the Civil Human Rights Front to hold the march, but the demonstrators were undeterred, as they've been all summer.

"I feel this is our duty. The government wants to block us with the ban, but I want to say that the people will not be afraid," said one protester, Winnie Leung, 50. The march disrupted traffic, and many shops, including the Sogo department store in Causeway Bay, one of Hong Kong's largest department stores, closed their doors.

Protesters burned Chinese flags and tore down banners congratulating China's ruling Communist Party, which will celebrate its 70th year in power on Oct. 1. In familiar scenes, some protesters smashed glass windows and surveillance cameras at a subway station exit.

Hundreds of protesters later targeted the government office complex, throwing bricks and gasoline bombs through police barriers. volleys of tear gas and using water cannon trucks to spray chemical-laced water as well as blue liquid that helped them identify offenders, in a repeat of confrontational scenes

from the last several weeks of the protests.

Protesters retreated but regrouped in the nearby Wan Chai neighborhood, setting fires outside a subway station exit and on the streets. They fled again after riot police advanced and the cat-and-mouse battles went on for a few hours before calm returned.

Police fired tear gas again later in the nearby North Point area after protesters obstructed traffic after brawling there earlier with pro-government support-

Hospital authorities said eight people were injured throughout the day, including three in serious condition. The protests were triggered in June by an extradition bill that many saw as an example of China's increasing intrusion and at chipping away at Hong Kong residents' freedoms and rights, many of which are not accorded to people in mainland China.

Hong Kong's government promised this month to withdraw the bill, which would have allowed some criminal suspects to be sent to mainland China for trial, but protesters have widened their demands to include direct elections for the city's leaders and police accountability.

More than 1,300 people have been arrested amid increasing clashes between protesters and police, who demonstrators have accused of abuses.

The unrest has battered Hong Kong's economy, which was already reeling from the U.S.-China trade war. It is also seen as an embarrassment to Beijing, which has accused foreign powers of fomenting the unrest.

Earlier Sunday, hundreds of protesters waved British flags, sang "God Save the Queen" and chanted "UK save Hong Kong" out-Police responded by firing side the British Consulate as they stepped up calls for international support for their campaign.

> With banners declaring "one country, two systems is dead," they repeated calls for Hong Kong's former co-



An anti-government protester throws back a tear gas canister fired by the police during a demonstration near Central Government Complex in Hong Kong, Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019.

Associated Press

lonial ruler to ensure the city's autonomy is upheld under agreements made when Britain ceded power

to China in 1997. Demonstrators held similar rallies Sept. 1 at the British

Consulate and last week-

end at the U.S. Consulate. On Saturday, pro-democracy protesters and supporters of the central government in Beijing clashed at a Hong Kong shopping mall and several public places. Police arrested more than a dozen people and hospital authorities said 25 were injured.

The clashes amid the midautumn festival holiday came after several nights of peaceful rallies that featured protesters belting out a new protest song in mass singing at shopping malls. Thousands of people also carried lanterns with prodemocracy messages in public areas and formed illuminated human chains on two of the city's peaks on Friday night to mark the major Chinese festival.



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Cleanup resumes in Bahamas as Humberto swirls away

MCLEAN'S TOWN, Bahamas (AP) — Jeffrey Roberts lifted a mustard-yellow curtain from the ground as he looked for passports and other documents at the site where his family's home once stood in Grand Bahama

He then moved the cloth aside, picked up a pair of old, rusty pliers, and continued his search.

"We got to take what God gives us," Roberts said in reference to Tropical Storm Humberto, which narrowly missed the island over the weekend as it continued on its northward trajectory well offshore of Florida's east coast.

By early Sunday morning, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said the storm was located about 137 miles (220 kilometers) north of Great Abaco Island and was moving at 7 mph (11 kph) north-northwest with maximum sustained winds of 60 mph (97 kph).

Weather forecasters said it would likely become a hurricane by Sunday night, but would remain far from the Bahamas and the U.S. coast by the time it had intensified to that strength.

The storm briefly shuttered a couple of small airports, sent people in damaged homes to seek shelter and threatened to interrupt the distribution of sorely needed supplies including food and water.

As the storm barely passed the northern Bahamas, however, Roberts and others were already returning to the task at hand: resuming their cleanup and recovery efforts in communities devastated by Hurricane Dorian two weeks ago.

On Saturday, U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres visited the island



Mos Antenor, 42, drives a bulldozer while clearing the road after Hurricane Dorian Mclean's Town, Grand Bahama, Bahamas, Friday Sept. 13, 2019.

Associated Press

of Great Abaco to support humanitarian efforts in the wake of the storm, which left thousands in need of food, water and shelter.

"Hurricane Dorian has been classified as Category 5. I think it's Category Hell," said the secretary-general, adding he was horrified by the "level of systematic

devastation."

The death toll from the hurricane stands at 50 and the number of missing at an alarming 1,300 people, although officials caution the list is preliminary and many people could just be unable to connect with loved ones.

Meanwhile, detritus was

piled high as Bahamians attempted to continue salvaging what was left behind

On Saturday, Patrice Higgs stood barefoot in her back-yard with grey mud caked on her feet. She stared list-lessly at the horizon as she occasionally pointed at some of her belongings that remained tangled in the debris and out of reach, including a cream-colored loveseat.?

She confided that she lost five relatives to Dorian.

"My sister, my niece, my nephew, my aunty and my cousin," she said, as dark clouds threatening rain still hung overhead.

The couple then took a break and sat outside as they watched a neighbor, Cecil Leathen, pry his boat out of fallen trees with the help of a backhoe operated by yet another neighbor.

Courts free more suspects in case of disappeared students



Parents of some of the 43 missing teacher's college students sit behind posters depicting their missing loved ones, during a press conference following a private meeting they had with President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, in Mexico City, Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2019.

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Courts have freed another 24 people implicated in one of the country's most notorious crimes, the disappearance of 43 students, a federal official said Sunday.

Deputy Interior Secretary Alejandro Encinas told a news conference that the detainees were freed the previous evening after courts found various violations of due process in their cases, including torture and arbitrary detention.

He also criticized the decision, calling it a "mockery of justice" which encouraged "silence, complicity and im-

punity."

It shows "the misery, the rot in which the justice system of our country finds itself," he said.

Seventy-seven of the 142 people arrested in the case have now been freed. Nobody has yet been convicted. Authorities say leftist students from the Ayotzinapa teacher's school were abducted by police in the Guerrero state town of Iguala in September 2014 and handed over to the drug gang Guerreros Unidos headed by Gildardo López Astudillo, who was freed earlier this month.

Jesús Murillo Karam, attorney general under President Enrique Peña Nieto, infamously announced the "historic truth" about the students' disappearance—that they were killed and their bodies incinerated at a garbage dump.

But independent experts said there was no evidence to support the conclusion that the bodies had been burned there and a team backed by the Organization of American States said Mexican investigators had overlooked other possibilities, including military involvement.

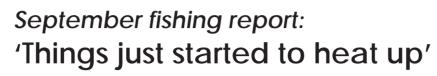


LOCAL











By Joris Zandvoort
ORANJESTAD — In most
places, September means
fishing is starting to slow
down. In Aruba, however,
things are just starting to
heat up. Here, the temperatures are glued to the
90°F mark, and the colorful
island doesn't seem to notice the change in seasons.

From fly angling, to reef and deep sea fishing, Sep-

tember in Aruba is set to make your angling dreams come true.

Away from the noise, the Aruban flats and mangroves are a great spot for fly fishing. Tucked away from the Caribbean winds, these spots are the perfect place for you to test your skills against feisty critters like Bonefish and Snook.

Offshore fishing stars like White and Blue Marlin are now in peak season, and places like Oranjestad and Noord offer no shortage of big game experts to help you catch them. To get the most out of the experience, make sure to book a full day and a big enough boat for this deep sea adventure.

If that sounds a bit too ambitious, head over to the reefs, where fishing is just as exciting. Heading the list are King Mackerel, accompanied by good sized Mahi Mahi and Wahoo. Mahi and Wahoo are some of

the best tasting fish you'll find, so make sure to ask your captain to fillet your catch for you. There's nothing like a fresh seafood dinner over an Aruban sunset to finish the day off!

Captain Michael Wever aboard Kristel Fishing Aruba has had great success fishing the reefs recently. A few days ago, he came back with a variety of species including King Mackerel, Mahi Mahi, as well as Blackfin Tuna and Barracuda. All of that on a 4-hour trip!



Joris Zantvoort is Dutch and a writer at Fishing-Booker.com. He publishes a monthly fishing report for Aruba Today. The company works with 17 captains in Aruba that help him create this report containing information like: What is currently in the water? What can you catch? Also amazing pictures are being shared and part of the column shows the Captain of the Month.

Captain of the Month

A true veteran, Captain Michael has been fishing the Aruban waters for years. An angler since the ripe age of 4, Michael knows these waters like the back of his hand. He grew up on Aruba, but has regularly fished the waters of Curacao, Bonaire, and Venezuela.

A father of four and grandfather of one, Captain Mike puts the safety of his guests ahead of everything else. Speaking of, the Captain's 44 ft Striker (motor yacht), will provide you with all the security and comfort you'll need on the open water. The boat is equipped with all the navigational gear you'll need, as well as a number of amenities like an enclosed toilet, a kitchen, and beds to rest in. The vessel boasts a fighting chair to fish from, life jackets, an ice box, and air conditioning. The Captain will provide you with all the fishing gear and licenses, so you can focus on the most important thing – catching fish. Mike will throw in catch cleaning and filleting as a bonus, so you can enjoy your fresh catch when you get back ashore.

Honoring the Spence Family at the Divi Dutch Village Beach Resort

EAGLE BEACH — Recently, Kimberley Richardson of the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure to honor Aruba's loyal and friendly visitors as Distinguished visitors of Aruba. The symbolic Distinguished visitor certificate is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism, as a token of appreciation to the guests who visit Aruba 10 years and more consecutively.

The honorees were dad Edward and mom Doreen Spence, together with their four kids, Kayla, Violet, Jodee and Gage Spence. This family from New York has been coming to the island for over 10 years consecutively!

This lovely family stated that they love the island very much, especially for its safety, the year-round sunny weather, nice sandy beaches, delicious variety of foods and Aruba's warm and friendly people.

Ms. Richardson together with the representatives of the Divi Dutch Village Beach Resort presented the certificates to the honorees, and also handed over some presents and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination and as their home away from home.





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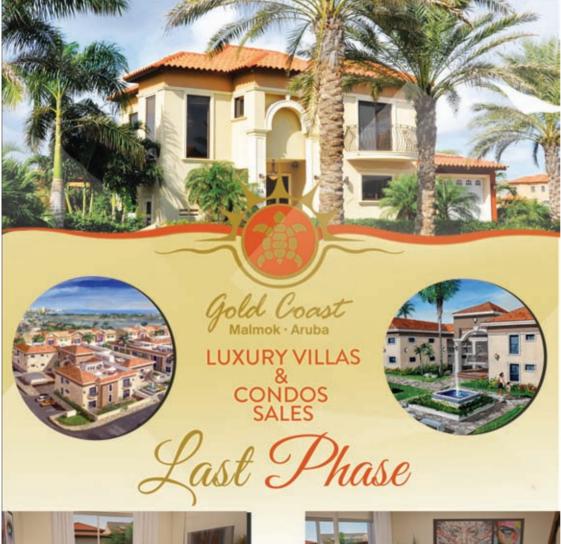
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Honoring the Stanton's at the Divi Village Golf and Beach Resort

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The honorees were **Ron and Tracey Stanton** from USA.

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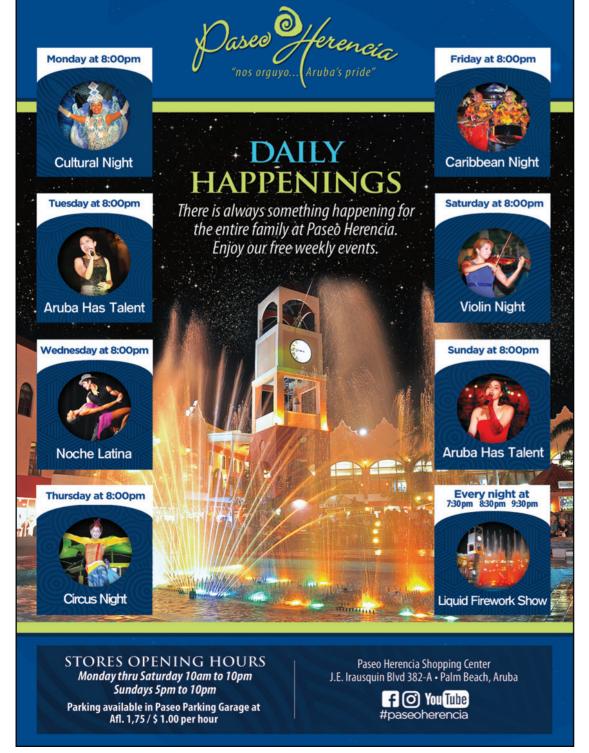
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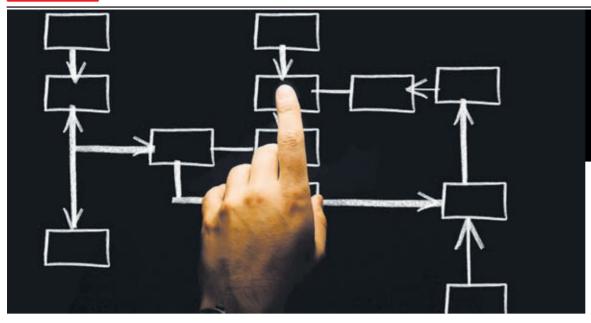
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https://www.uniteddogsaruba.com.









Hotel

Hustle

Column by: Shanella Pantophlet

Into the leap year

Timeshares are a unique type of hospitality business for many reasons, but the main one being our usage of 7 day weeks instead of transient days. Of course usage of a week to week model, be it Friday to Friday, Saturday to Saturday or Sunday to Sunday. It comes with one tricky challenge, the leap year. Doesn't matter what timeshare or what check in date leap years cause trouble.



Next year is a leap year which means there is an extra day to be accounted for, luckily this was taken into account in timeshare calendars. Using what we call the 53rd week, now at my workplace week 53 happens once every 6 years. If you're keeping track this is 2 years after a leap year. The reason being is that past the leap year weeks shift slightly and to account for that and get weeks back in order



we need to have that one extra week built in. The fun really begins the year after week 53. Week 53 replaces the traditional week 1 on the calendar, which means everyone's weeks gets shifted by one full week. Let me tell you that's where the confusion really sets in. Timeshare owners usually have their weeks programmed in and they know exactly when they are supposed to be in Aruba. If they do not keep into account that extra week, you end up with people coming in the wrong week and it's not a good thing for anyone.

In my first experience I was so focused on giving information about the extra week and knowing who would be here for New Years and who wouldn't be, that I hadn't accounted for the fact that this may have a negative trickle effect. Once the New Year came in we had at least 10 instances of people arriving and then having to be told that they've come in the wrong week. Some people take it in stride and laugh it off as their mistake, others are irate and want to yell and scream because why would we add an extra week to the calendar. Many claiming this is their first

experience with this phenomenon in their 30+ years of ownership. I dutifully bit my tongue from advising them how many times this has occurred in 30 years, no reason to get anyone more upset.

As 2020 draws closer, which means we are about 2 years out from another week 53, I've already advised my colleagues of what went wrong last time and we have started with our contingency plans in an effort to be proactive. Unfortunately, as I've learned that even the best laid plans aren't foolproof, we will do our best through newsletters, emails and social media to make our members and their guests aware. We will also start looking at what to do for those who inevitably due to not checking their timeshare calendar will still manage to come in the wrong week.

The goal will be to reduce the number of erroneous arrivals through an over saturation of information. Don't worry though, should you come in the wrong week we will still find you a place to sleep and enjoy your earlier than usual vacation.



Aruban born and bred Shanella Pantophlet is passionate about tourism. That is the world she studied and works in, so we might as well call her a specialist. Luckily for Aruba Today Shanella also loves to write. And together with the fact that the majority of our readers are tourists, we found ourselves a perfect combination for a column: Hotel Hustle.



SPORTS



Members of the Europe team touch the Solheim cup after their victory against the US at Gleneagles, Auchterarder, Scotland, Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019.

Associated Press

Pettersen wins dramatic Solheim Cup for Europe then retires

GLENEAGLES, Scotland (AP) — Suzann Pettersen stood over the final shot of her golfing career, not quite realizing it also was the last shot of the most dramatic Solheim Cup ever played.

Europe's players had their hands over their mouths, and their captain could barely watch. Blissfully unaware of what was unfolding was 1-year-old Herman, Pettersen's first child who was also among the thousands around the 18th green at Gleneagles.

The putt was from 7 feet,

slightly left to right, and it never looked like missing. After being mobbed by her teammates on the 18th green, an emotional Pettersen held Herman in her arms and kissed him. The Europeans had regained the Solheim Cup and one of the stalwarts of women's golf had her perfect ending.

"Yeah, this is it. I'm completely done," said the 38-year-old Pettersen, confirming her sudden decision to retire.

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New England Patriots wide receiver Antonio Brown (17) scores a touchdown as Miami Dolphins cornerback Jomal Wiltz (33) attempts to defend, during the first half at an NFL football game, Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019, in Miami Gardens, Fla.



Chile's Niemann wins by 6 shots at The Greenbrier

By JOHN RABY **AP Sports Writer**

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. (AP) — Joaquin Niemann is going to give International Team captain Ernie Els something to think about when he makes his captain's picks for the Presidents Cup.

Niemann became the first player from Chile to win on the PGA Tour, shooting a 6-under 64 on Sunday for a six-stroke victory in A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier.

The 20-year-old Niemann entered the final round of the season opener with a two-stroke lead and held off challenges from Tom Hoge and Richy Werenski. Niemann birdied the final three holes to finish at 21-under 259 at Old White TPC, which has quickly become one of his favorite venues.

"I just never thought this moment was possible," Niemann said. "I can't wait to go back home and celebrate with all of my friends." While eight players already qualified for the International Team that will play the U.S. team in December at Royal Melbourne in Australia, Els will choose the four remaining team International members the week of Nov. 4.

"Being on the Presidents Cup is just a dream," Niemann said. "It's a really good team this year. There's a lot of good players fighting for those spots. This win definitely helps."

Niemann grew up in Santiago, Chile, won a pair of junior world titles and was the No. 1 ranked amateur in the world before turning pro in 2018. He played his first full season on tour in 2019, finishing No. 67 in the FedEx Cup standings.

In 2017, Niemann finished tied for 29th as an amateur at The Greenbrier after receiving a sponsor's exemption. He improved to a tie for fifth in 2018.

Niemann said the resort's dozens of amenities have steered his mind away from the pressure of golf. Among the activities he participated in before the tournament started was exploring the rugged side of West Virginia with his caddie in an at 20 years, 2 months. off-road vehicle.

"I was just feeling like I was going to win the tournament from the first day," he said. "I was in that mindset." Niemann is the first thirdround leader to win at The Greenbrier since its debut in 2010. He shot 64 in the final round for the third straight year.

He told himself before the round started to go out and have fun.

"I was just trying not to think of anything else," Niemann said. "My caddie made me laugh to try to forget about it. The last couple of holes I was feeling great."

It marks the first year since 1931 that there has been more than one tour winner under 21. Matthew Wolff won the 3M Open in June

Hoge shot 65 and finished second at 15 under. Werenski faded to a 69 and finished in a four-way tie for third at 14 under, along with Brian Harman (65), Harris English (67) and Nate Lashlev (69).

Hoge fell short in another chance at an elusive first win. At the 2018 Sony Open, he lost a one-shot lead with three holes to play, finished third and missed a playoff. Hoge birdied five of his first eight holes Sunday, then birdied the 568-yard 12th hole to temporarily join Niemann at 16 under before making bogeys on two of his next three holes.

"A couple bad shots I would like to have back, but it was a good week and good way to start the



Joaquin Niemann, of Chile, holds the winners trophy as he celebrates winning the A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier golf tournament in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019. **Associated Press**

year," Hoge said.

Niemann made a short birdie putt on the par-4 10th to forge ahead for good. He saved par from 6 feet at No. 11, made birdie

putts of 9 feet at No. 12 and a curling 13-footer at No. 13 that prompted a fist pump to push his lead to four. There would be more bursts of joy down the stretch.







Newcomer Brown scores as Patriots beat Dolphins 43-0

By STEVEN WINE

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP)

— When Antonio Brown
celebrated his first touchdown with the New Eng-

land Patriots by vaulting into a first-row luxury box, he didn't linger.

The Patriots had a job to finish

Determined to play to the final gun after allowing a miracle comeback at Miami last year, the Patriots beat the Dolphins 43-0 Sunday.

Coach Bill Belichick had Tom Brady still throwing at the end.

"We're playing 60 minutes," Belichick said.

The Pats did that. They scored twice on interception returns in a two-minute fourth-quarter span, and registered their first shutout since Week 3 of 2016.

Brown helped get them going. The Patriots were 18½-point favorites but led only 7-0 late in the first half before Brady hit his newest target for a 20-yard score. They connected four times in all.

"It was a good start," Brady said. "I was just trying to find an open guy. He was snapping off some routes and did a great job."

Brown, who signed Monday, made an 18-yard catch on his first play and finished with 56 yards receiving, all in the first half. He won raves from teammates for his debut.

"It was awesome," receiver Julian Edelman said. "A lot of energy. He's a playmak-



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One thing Brown didn't do was talk to reporters after the game. The NFL allowed the four-time All-Pro receiver to play despite a civil lawsuit filed Tuesday by his former trainer accusing him of sexually assaulting her on three occasions. Brown has denied the allegations.

New England's defense outscored Miami with interception returns for touchdowns of 54 yards by Stephon Gilmore and 69 yards by Jamie Collins Sr. The Patriots totaled seven sacks and four interceptions and earned their most lopsided win in the 108-game history

of the series.

"The defense was spectacular," Brady said.

He threw for 264 yards and two scores for the Pats, who are 2-0 for the first time since 2016, winning by a combined score of 76-3.

The Dolphins are 0-2 for only the second time since 2012, with their losses by a combined score of 102-10. "It's never fun to be embarrassed," Miami quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick said, "especially two weeks in a row at home."

Fitzpatrick threw for 89 yards and was intercepted three times. Josh Rosen replaced him and went sev-

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en for 18 for 97 yards and one interception.

Coach Brian Flores hedged when asked if Fitzpatrick remains the starter.

"We'll evaluate things over the course of the week," Flores said, "and as of right now, Ryan is still the starter." **NO MERCY**

Belichick didn't let up against Flores, his former assistant. Brady's passing sparked a 59-yard drive for the final touchdown with 2:10 left.

"Last year it came down to 60 minutes of football," Brady said. "We were talking about 60 minutes of football, and that's what it took."

The defending Super Bowl champions won for only the second time in their past seven trips to Miami, and avenged a loss in 2018 on a last-second pass and double lateral.

Brady tied George Blanda for the second-most regu-

lar-season wins in the NFL with 209. Adam Vinatieri began the weekend first with 215 wins.

HOW DO YOU DO?

Brown celebrated his touchdown by leaping into the seats, where he landed on an 18-year-old college student wearing a Brady jersey.

"I was really excited," said the spectator, Jenna Saadah, attending her first football game. "The fact that it was the Patriots team that scored a touchdown, it was mind-blowing." INJURIES

The Patriots' battered offensive line was dealt another blow when left tackle Isaiah Wynn left in the first half with a foot injury. Marshall Newhouse replaced him.

DISGRUNTLED DEFENDER

Minkah Fitzpatrick started at safety for the Dolphins even though he has requested and received permission to seek a trade. He made six tackles.

"There's a saying: 'I never lose, I just learn.'" Fitzpatrick said. "That's just what we've got to do right now."

BAD DAY

Patriots kicker Stephen Gostkowski missed two extra points and a 48-yard field-goal try. He has missed three extra points in the past two seasons, all in Miami.

UP NEXT

The Patriots play host to the Jets next Sunday. New England has won the past six meetings.

The Dolphins continue their race to the bottom Sunday at the Dallas Cowboys, who have won their past three meetings.

"There's not going to be anybody in this league that's going to feel sorry for us," Fitzpatrick said. "So we have to continue to try to get better every day."





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Rays drop 1½ games back of Oakland for top AL wild card

BY JILL PAINTER LOPEZ **Associated Press**

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — After stumbling against the Los Angeles Angels, the Tampa Bay Rays head up the coast what appears to be an even more challenging series against the Dodg-

Albert Pujols hit a three-run homer off Ryan Yarbrough in the fifth inning and drove in four runs, leading the Angels over Tampa Bay 6-4 Sunday to drop the Rays 1½ games behind Oakland for the top AL wild card.

Seeking their first playoff berth since 2013, the Rays are 1½ games ahead of Cleveland for the AL's second wild card after losing for the third time in five games.

"Every game matters. It's magnified at this point and for good reason," Rays manager Kevin Cash said. "Losses are a tick more frustrating. Wins are a tick more exciting. But we get

to come back and enjoy our day off in LA and play a really good baseball team." Tampa Bay trailed 6-1 before Austin Meadows' 31st homer, a three-run drive off Ty Buttrey with two outs in the eighth. Hansel Robles struck out pinch hitter Ji-Man Choi, then worked around a leadoff walk in the ninth for his career-high 21st save in 24 chances.

After learning that two-time AL MVP Mike Trout will have foot surgery and miss the rest of the season, Los Angeles stopped a six-game losing streak. On Saturday, the Angels ensured their fourth straight losing record. Pujols tied the score with an RBI double in the first and blew open the game with his 23rd home run this season, the 656th of his big league career.

Yarbrough (11-4) gave up six runs and 10 hits in five innings. He entered with five straight no-decisions since beating Seattle on Aug. 11. "Yarbs wasn't his sharpest," Cash said. "The command just wasn't there. He just didn't look crisp for whatever reason."

Anthony Banda struck out two in two scoreless innings of relief for the Rays. Banda returned Sept. 8 from Tommy John surgery.

"Really encouraged by Anthony Banda's performance," Cash said. "That's a sign in the right direction." Noé Ramirez (5-2) retired six straight batters to win in relief of rookie Patrick Sandoval, who allowed two hits in four innings but was removed after 61 pitches. **ALBERT**

Pujols moved within four home runs of tying Willie Mays for fifth on the career

"He's probably been our most consistent hitter the last 40 games," Angels manager Brad Ausmus said. "He's had a really nice season. He's a very smart



Los Angeles Angels designated hitter Albert Pujols, left, rounds third after hitting a three-run home run with Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher Ryan Yarbrough, right, looking away during the fifth inning of a baseball game in Anaheim, Calif., Sunday, Sept.

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TWO-WAY STARS

Brendan McKay, the Rays' two-way player, had his first career hit in the eighth inning. McKay, who pinch hit and singled, had been 0 for 5 at the plate. ... Jared Walsh, a two-way player for the Angels, doubled in the second inning.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rays: RHP Yonny Chirinos (right middle finger inflammation) is scheduled to throw a simulated game on Monday in Los Angeles.

UP NEXT

Rays: LHP Blake Snell (6-7, 4.28 ERA) is expected to be activated from the IL to start Tuesday against the Los Angeles Dodgers. Snell, who had loose bodies in his left elbow, has not pitched for the Rays since July 21.

Angels: LHP José Suarez (2-6, 6.94 ERA) is slated to start Tuesday's series opener at the New York Yankees. He is 0-5 in 11 starts since beating Tampa Bay on June

MLB: "Regret" over replay miscommunication in White Sox loss

By CHRIS TALBOTT Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Major League Baseball has expressed "regret" over a miscommunication that resulted in a 2-1 loss for the Chicago White Sox against the Seattle Mariners on Saturday night.

in the bottom of the 10th indid not clear the fence, and had a replay review been conducted, Narvaez White Sox manager Rick would have been awarded a double and the game ately asked umpires to rewould have continued tied view the homer, and they

"In last night's game there was conversation between the umpires and the White Sox as to the procedure for potentially reviewing two different aspects of the game-ending play," MLB said in a statement Sunday. "There was then a misinter-Seattle's Omar Narvaez hit pretation regarding Chicaa ball off the top of the wall go's desire to have any aspect of the play reviewed ning that was ruled a home We regret that this miscomrun by umpires. The ball munication resulted in not reviewing the home run call on the field."

Renteria said he immedi-



Seattle Mariners' Omar Narvaez tosses his bat after hitting a solo home run off Chicago White Sox relief pitcher Alex Colome during the 10th inning of a baseball game, Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019, in Seattle. The Mariners won 2-1.

then went to the headset When Renteria and the replay officials.

used to communicate with umpires reconvened, they asked if Renteria wanted the statement.

to challenge whether Narvaez had touched home plate amid his celebrating teammates. Renteria mistakenly thought this meant officials had ruled the ball cleared the fence and declined to challenge whether Narvaez touched home, because he had already seen on replays that he had.

Renteria agreed there was a "miscommunication or misunderstanding." It's unclear what the umpires discussed on the headset. MLB declined to make the crew available before Sunday's game, instead issuing





Team Europe's Suzann Pettersen, center, celebrates with her team and the trophy following Team Europe's victory in the Solheim Cup against the US at Gleneagles, Auchterarder, Scotland, Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019.

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"It doesn't get any better." On an afternoon of singles matches that pretty much had everything, Europe secured a 14 1/2-13 1/2 win over the United States to claim the biggest team prize in female golf for the first time since 2013.

The final act, spread over two holes with virtually simultaneous putts, could not have been more thrill-

Just as Pettersen was addressing her putt at No. 18, U.S. player Ally McDonald slid a putt to the right of the hole at No. 17 and walked up to Bronte Law to concede the match in favor of the Europeans.

The score changed to 13 $1/2-13 \ 1/2 \ and - without$ her even realizing — the outcome of the contest hinged on Pettersen.

"I thought Bronte was in behind me on the (18th) fairway," Pettersen said. "I actually didn't know that it was THE putt."

That it was Pettersen who secured the winning point felt apt.

She was a contentious wild-card pick by Europethew because Pettersen ed just a half-point from the had played just two tournaments — missing the cut in both — since November 2017. She had time off before and after giving birth to Herman, and then because of injury.

Pettersen also had a score to settle with the Solheim Law sealed a 2-and-1 win

Cup. In her most recent appearance, at St. Leon-Rot in Germany in 2015, she refused to concede a short putt to Alison Lee on the 17th hole of a tight fourballs match before the singles on the final day. There were angry exchanges, and it stoked a fire inside the Americans as they fought back from 10-6 down going into the singles to win 14½-13½.

Pettersen later apologized. "She gone from villain to hero," said Laura Davies, one of the European vice captains.

Pettersen's redemption story was delivered in Scotland, the home of golf, where the U.S. team hasn't now won in three attempts. Playing in her ninth Solheim Cup, Pettersen won two of her three matches and is now a four-time Solheim Cup winner.

The day started with the teams locked at 8-8 after four sessions, and the first definitive break of the entire contest happened when the Americans took the lead for the first time since Friday lunchtime, at

final three singles matches out on the course to guarantee retaining the cup, but then came the European fightback.

Anna Nordavist completed a 4-and-3 win over Morgan Pressel. Then, on No. 17,

over McDonald to tie the score.

Pettersen delivered for Europe on No. 18, but only after her opponent, Marina Alex, slid a 10-foot birdie putt wide that, if it had found the hole, would have been enough for the

"I told them afterward, the sun's going to come up tomorrow," said U.S. captain Juli Inkster, when asked what she'd said to her players. "It was great for women's golf. We played great. "But you know what, the Europeans played great. You tip your hat. And you move on to Toledo."

Inkster won't be there in 2021, confirming afterward that she will not be captain for a fourth straight match. She finishes with two victories from three Solheim Cups as captain.

Two of the Americans, in particular, will still look back on the week with fond memories despite the loss. Jessica and Nelly Korda, the first sisters to play together in the fourballs or foursomes at the Solheim Cup, both finished with 3 1/2 points from four matchan captain Catriona Mat- At 13 1/2-11 1/2, they need- es after coming from behind to win in the singles. Nelly Korda, out in Match 2, was 3 down after nine holes against Caroline Hedwall but won 2 up. Jes-

sica Korda, who at age 26 is five years older than her sister, beat Caroline Masson 3 and 2 after being 2 down.



Primoz Roglic of Slovenia, centre, celebrates on the podium after winning La Vuelta cycling race alongside 2nd placed Alejandro Valverde of Spain, left and 3rd placed Tadej Pogacar of Slovenia in Madrid, Spain, Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019.

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Primoz Roglic wins Spanish Vuelta for 1st Grand Tour title

MADRID (AP) — Former ski jumper Primoz Roglic comfortably won the Spanish Vuelta for his first Grand Tour title on Sunday, finishing more than two minutes ahead of world champion Alejandro Valverde after the 21st stage.

Following custom, riders respected the leader's lead on the last day when the race made its traditional finish in Madrid.

Roglic in his red leader's jersey was flanked by yellowclad Jumbo-Visma teammates as they arrived in the Spanish capital.

Fabio Jakobsen of Quick Step sprinted to win the flat 106-kilometer (65-mile) ride that started in Fuenlabra-

Roglic has been one of cycling's rising talents given his superb time trial performances and his ability to hang with the best climbers in the mountains.

He showed that toughness by never flagging through the climb-heavy Vuelta, even when Valverde's Movistar and a strong Astana team led by Miguel Ángel The 39-year-old Valverde, López tested him again and again. Roglic was supported by a deep Jumbo-Visma team that included Steven Kruijswijk, Robert Gesink and Sepp Kuss, but he still had to prove he could do it alone when they were dropped by Mo-

vistar's and Astana's fiercest attacks in the mountains. Roglic was considered the pre-race favorite, after oth-

er top riders such as Tour de France winners Egan Bernal and Geraint Thomas and last year's Vuelta winner Simon Yates opted not to compete in the race. He handled that pressure

and took charge of the race on Stage 10, when he dominated the individual time trial, overtaking then leader Nairo Quintana by three minutes. He established a nearly two-minute gap over Valverde that he protected with aplomb the rest of the way

Unflappable and with an impenetrable expression, Roglic never let Valvede or López get away on their attacks, pegging his bike to their back wheels or not losing his cool and catching up when they eventually faltered.

Finally, on Sunday's slow jaunt to Madrid he allowed himself to relax, smiling while chatting with other cyclists.

who won the Vuelta a decade ago, finished the race second.

Another Slovenian, Tadei Pogacar, completed the podium after a breakout race for the 20-year-old rider that included three stage wins.



Fury overcomes bloody cut over eye to beat Wallin

By TIM DAHLBERG AP Boxing Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Blood was flowing down Tyson Fury's right cheek, and Otto Wallin was in his face. His scheduled rematch with Deontay Wilder suddenly in jeopardy, Fury needed to dig deep in a fight that wasn't supposed to be this

Fury did just that Saturday night, overcoming a bloody cut over his right eye to pound out a unanimous decision over his Swedish opponent and set up a lucrative heavyweight rematch with Deontay Wilder.

Fury remained unbeaten in 29 fights and retained his claim to the lineal heavyweight title against a fighter who was little known but gave the big Englishman all he could handle.

"I couldn't see out of my eye," Fury said. "I got cut over my eye and it changed the fight completely."

With blood streaming down his face, Fury dominated from the middle rounds on in what was supposed to be little more than a tune up fight for his scheduled February rematch with Wilder. He was a 30-1 favorite at fight time, but after being cut in the third round had to reach deep to pull out the win.

The three ringside judges had Fury winning by scores of 118-110, 117-111 and



Tyson Fury, of England, displays a cut over his right eye following a heavyweight boxing match against Otto Wallin, of Sweden, Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019, in Las Vegas. Fury won by unanimous

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116-112. The Associated Press had Fury winning 116-

"It's all heart and determination," Fury said. "If I can keep going, I keep going. Otto is a great Swede, a Viking warrior."

Fury was cut over his right eye in the third round, and it clearly bothered him as the fight went on. Blood flowed down the right side of his face and stained his trunks, and Fury kept wiping at the cut to try and keep the blood out of his eye.

Referee Tony Weeks stopped the fight briefly in the sixth round for the

ringside doctor to look at the eye. When the fight resumed. Fury fought at a quicker pace, seemingly realizing he might be running out of time.

With renewed determination, he kept the pressure on Wallin the rest of the way to cement a huge payday against Wilder, who he fought to a draw in December

"Deontay Wilder, I want you next," Wilder said. "Now I'm going to go home and relax with the family."

Wallin was still fighting hard in the final round, stunning Fury with a right to the head and chasing him around the ring in search of a knockdown that never came. Wallin, fighting for only the second time in the U.S., suffered his first defeat to fall to 20-1.

"I did everything I could, I tried my best," Wallin said. "Tyson is a great fighter."

Much of the fight was fought at close range, as the two men brawled on the inside. That was particularly true in the later rounds, as Fury (29-0-1) tried to land uppercuts and Wallin kept punching at Fury's bloody

Fury earned a reported \$12

million for the fight, part of a deal with promoter Bob Arum, who scooped him up after the Wilder fight. He will earn a lot more against Wilder, who still must beat Luis Ortiz in November to make the February rematch happen.

Arum said Fury stepped up the pace after the cut over his eye was ruled to be from a punch. Had the fight been stopped early because of the cut Wallin would have won.

"It was a courageous performance, a terrific fight," Arum said. "We knew the Swede wasn't a quitter. But Tyson's a real warrior. That's why they call him the Gypsy King."

Fury came into the ring behind a mariachi band, wearing a pancho and a sombrero to stake his claim to fighting on Mexican Independence Day weekend in Las Vegas.

But he quickly found himself in a rough and tumble battle with Wallin, who was plucked from obscurity to be Fury's opponent. Wallin had his moments in the fight, but never seemed to really hurt Fury. Fury started landing cleaner punches as the fight went into the later rounds and when he wasn't punching at Wallin he was leaning his 6-foot-9 256 1/2-pound fame on him. Wallin fought hard, but seemed to be tiring in the later rounds as Fury built up a lead on the scorecards.

Own goal, Lodeiro's brace lift Sounders past Red Bulls, 4-2

By MARK MOSCHETTI

SEATTLE (AP) — A shot by Victor Rodriguez that was knocked in for an own goal stoppage time secured a 4-2 victory over the New York Red Bulls on Sunday. The Sounders (14-9-7) remained in contention for second place in the MLS Western Conference.

New York (12-13-5) had come back from an earequalizer from Kaku in the 67th minute.

The go-ahead goal came in the 83rd minute put the when Rodriguez, playing Seattle Sounders ahead, outside the penalty area and Nico Lodeiro's goal in on the left side, lofted the New York midfielder Sean game before Aaron Long Davis leaped toward it. The ball deflected off Davis' right leg into the back The Sounders, with 49 right corner of the net.

Lodeiro scored on a breakaway in the third minute of stoppage time. The goal a point ahead of Minne-

ly 2-0 deficit, getting the was initially waved off by an offside call. But after a video review by referee Allen Chapman, it was put back onto the scoreboard. Jordan Morris and Lodeiro gave Seattle a 2-0 lead in ball toward the goal, and the first 23 minutes of the got the Red Bulls on the board in the 27th.

> points, have sole possession of second place in the MLS Western Conference,



Seattle Sounders defender Gustav Svensson (4) goes up for header against New York Red Bulls midfielder Sean Davis (27) on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019, in the first half of a MLS soccer match at CenturyLink Field in Seattle, Wash.

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sota and three ahead of of those teams have four Real Salt Lake. All three games left.



Volkswagen bets big on electric. Will consumers buy in?

By DAVID McHUGH AP Business Writer

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)

— Volkswagen is rolling out what it bills as the breakthrough electric car for the masses, the leading edge of a wave of new battery-powered vehicles about to hit the European auto market.

The cars are the result of big investments in battery technology and new factories driven by environmental regulation and concerns about global warming.

But it's not at all clear whether consumers are ready to buy them. Electric cars remain a niche product, with less than 2% of the market, due to higher prices and worries about a lack of places to charge. It adds up to a risky undertaking for the companies.

Volkswagen is betting that the ID.3, with a roomy interior, brisk acceleration and battery range of up to 550 kilometers (340 miles) for the top model, will change things. It argues that the base price under 30,000 euros (\$33,000) makes the ID.3 "an electric car for everyone." A key competitor, Tesla's Model 3, starts at 36,800 euros (\$40,000) in Europe, but the company's website indicates it can run to well over 40,000 euros, depending on options.

The ID.3 went on display Monday ahead of the Frankfurt Motor Show, and Volkswagen is also revealing a new logo.

Both moves are aimed at underlining the company's transformation since its 2015 diesel scandal, in which Volkswagen was caught using software to cheat on emissions testing and paid more than 30 billion euros (\$33 billion) in fines and penalties. The company is positioning itself as younger and more oriented toward digital services and zero local emissions electric driving.

Volkswagen CEO Herbert Diess said that the launch is "a decisive moment" for the company and that the ID.3 will "bring the electric car from its niche into the middle of society."

The company touts the ID.3



CEO of Volkswagen Herbert Diess introduces the new VW ID.3 at the IAA Auto Show in Frankfurt, Germany, Monday, Sept. 9, 2019.

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as the third chapter in the company's history, following the Beetle, which became a symbol of postwar German prosperity, and the Golf, of which Volkswagen has sold more than 35 million since 1974.

The car will reach customers in Europe next year, while Volkswagen plans to launch an electric SUV in the United States at an asyet unspecified date.

The German company is deploying extensive financial and manufacturing capabilities to make a success of its electric cars, saying it will have invested 30 billion euros in this area by 2023. It has sunk 1.2 billion euros into a factory in Zwickau in eastern Germany to make the ID.3, the first of eight planned electric-car plants worldwide, including one in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The company, which sold 10.8 million vehicles last year, aims for 40% of its sales to be electrics by 2030.

Analysts warn that the industry could be saddled with slow-selling products

that undermine earnings in a weakening global car market. Electrics were only 1.8% of the European market through the first six months of the year.

The launch of electric cars is so far mainly driven by regulation, not consumers. Above all, companies are rushing to make electric cars to meet tighter rules on carbon emissions and pollutants, particularly in the European Union and China.

"The industry has spent billions developing its new generation of electric vehicles," wrote analyst Max Warburton at research firm Bernstein. "Clean sheet designs with dedicated platforms ... have been engineered at great cost. Battery pack assembly plants have been built. Huge cell supply contracts with Asian suppliers have been signed."

"But this money is being spent without convincing evidence that customers are waiting for these cars." The EU has new limits on emissions of carbon dioxide, the main greenhouse gas blamed for global warming, that will kick in fully in 2021 to comply with the Paris climate accord. Cars will have to produce no more than 95 grams of CO2 per kilometer, the equivalent of requiring mileage of 66 miles per gallon under U.S. measurements.

Failure to comply means a fine for every gram of C02 over the limit per car. In practice, that means each electric car sold could be worth more than 10,000 euros (\$11,000) in avoided fines, according to Ferdinand Dudenhoeffer of the Center for Automotive Research at the University of Duisburg-Essen in Germany. China, a major market for German carmakers, is also pushing for lower-emission vehicles. Regulatory pressure for electric uptake is less certain in the U.S., where the Trump administration has sought to relax standards set by the Obama administration.

So far, electrics are most

popular in wealthier countries with per capita incomes over 40,000 euros (\$44,100) a year, such as Norway, Sweden and Switzerland. In poorer countries, electrics are nowhere to be seen. Just 293 were sold in Slovakia and 315 last year in Greece.

Incentives play a big role. In Norway, where electrics were over 30% of the market last year, incentives amount to 11,600 euros in tax breaks.

Finding a place to charge is another issue. Tesla has its own network of highway fast-charging stations. A consortium of automakers including Volkswagen aims to have 400 highway charging stations by 2020.

Volkswagen has been aggressive about electric cars, others are taking a more gradual approach. Daimler has the EQC sport-utility, which shares parts with an existing internal combustion vehicle. That means lower new investment spending. BMW is launching its iX3 electric SUV and an electric Mini. BMW's experience shows the hazards: it was first with an all-electric car, the i3 city car in 2013, but according to the Bernstein analysis lost money on it and cancelled a successor.

Other new electric cars at the show include Daimler's Smart fortwo and, at the high end of the market, Volkswagen's Porsche is bringing out the Taycan coupe, a direct challenge to Tesla's Model S. In all, some 20 new electric models will hit the market by 2021. If demand is lacking, carmakers may have to offload the cars through sales to rental companies and corporate fleets, require employees to take them as company cars, or subsidize sales with generous financing, all of which would sap profits.

"We are proceeding on the assumption that there will be many incentives in the market in 2020-2021," said Dudenhoeffer from the Center for Automotive Research. "They are simply condemned to sell these things."



Liz Weston: Moving to escape taxes? Make it a clean break

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Breaking up can be hard to do if the other party doesn't want to let you go. People who move out of high-tax states may learn this the hard way — through a residency audit.

States such as New York, California and Illinois use the audits to claim that your recent interstate move was just a tax dodge and that you still owe their state income taxes. Proving you've actually moved and plan to make the new place your permanent home yes, the burden of proof is on you in a residency audit - often requires far more than flashing your new driver's license or spending a certain number of days outside the old state.

WHO IS MOST AT RISK

Technically, anyone who moves out of a high-tax state could face scrutiny, but tax experts say the residency audit risk increases

- You moved to a state with a much lower tax burden.
- You still have a home or business ties in the old state. You moved just before selling a business, a bunch of stock or some other valuable asset.
- You're in a high tax bracket.

Wealthy people who move away from high-tax states are virtually certain to face a residency audit, says tax attorney Mark Klein, a



This April 2017, file photo provided by NerdWallet shows Liz Weston, a columnist for personal finance website NerdWallet.com.

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partner at Hodgson Russ in New York. The stakes can be substantial: New York collected about \$1 billion from residency audits from 2013 to 2017, according to Monaeo, a company that sells a location-tracking app for proving tax residency. More than half of the 3,000 or so people audited each year lose their cases, and the average amount collected per audit was \$144,270, Monaeo calculated.

Auditors go where the money is. You're unlikely to spend more days in the

be audited if you're already in a low tax bracket and cut all ties to your old state. But the more you have to gain from a move away from a high-tax state, the more careful you should be about making that move, tax experts say.

WHAT REALLY MATTERS IN A **RESIDENCY AUDIT**

Many people mistakenly believe they need only spend 183 days of each year outside their former state to win a residency audit, Klein says. But if you high-tax state than you do elsewhere, you could still be considered a resident. That can be a particular problem for the "migratory rich" who own homes in multiple states, or even for more ordinary people who travel a lot. Klein advises his clients to spend at least twice as much time in their new home state as in their old one.

Auditors look at a wide range of factors for evidence of where your true home lies. Are you still seeing doctors and dentists in your old location? Does your family celebrate holidays there? Where do you keep your most treasured items — your photo albums, family heirlooms, pets? Where's your safe deposit

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Creating a substantial paper trail can be key to winning your case. Register to vote and get a driver's license in your new state, but don't stop there. You also should change vehicle registrations, update the address where you receive bank statements, bills and other mail and revise your estate-planning documents to reflect the laws of your new state.

People under residency audits typically need to prove where they were each day of the year in question, Klein says. Cell phone records — which can show where you were with each text or call — can be used by taxpayers to prove their case but also can be subpoenaed by the tax agency. Other potentially rich (and subpoenable) data sources include travel records, credit card receipts and toll collection devices, such as E-Z Pass. You may need to maintain records indefinitely. Although most audits happen within a few years of the last tax return you filed, there's often no statute of limitations if a state finds you should have filed a return but didn't.

US budget deficit for 11 months up \$169 billion over 2018

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government's budget deficit increased by \$169 billion to \$1.07 trillion in the first 11 months of this budget year as spending grew faster than tax collections. The Treasury Department reported Thursday that the deficit with just one month 18.8% over the same period a year ago.

Budget experts project a surplus for September, which would push the total 2019 deficit down slightly below the \$1 trillion mark. The Congressional Budget

Office is forecasting a deficit this year of \$960 billion, compared to a 2018 deficit of \$779 billion.

Going forward, the CBO sees the annual deficit topping \$1 trillion in 2020 and never falling below \$1 trillion over the next decade. The government has only left in the budget year is up recorded trillion-dollar-plus deficits in one other period, during the four years 2009 through 2012 when spending went up to deal with a deep recession and the worst financial crisis since the 1930s.

The higher deficits currently

reflect higher government spending, reflecting two budget agreements in 2018 and this year between the Trump administration and Congress that added billions of dollars in extra spending for the military and domestic programs.

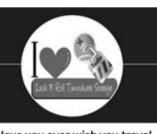
In addition, Social Security and Medicare payments are surging as millions of baby boomers retire. Added to the increased spending is the impact of the \$1.5 trillion tax cut President Donald Trump pushed through Congress in 2017, reducing individual and

corporate tax rates.

For this year, revenues are up 3.4%, but spending is up by 7 percent, nearly double the increase in revenues. Individual tax revenues

have risen by 2% in the first 11 months of this year compared to the same period in 2018 while corporate tax revenues are down 2%.

Bucking this slow growth are tariffs which are up \$28 billion or 73% over last year, reflecting the higher tariffs Trump has imposed on China and other nations as part of his get-tough trade battles.



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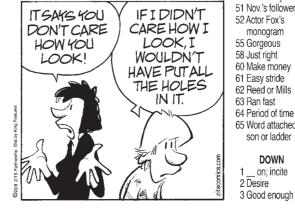




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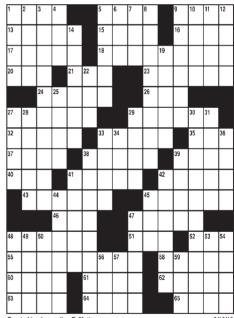
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US biologists eye unusual deaths of Alaska ice seals

By DAN JOLING Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)

— Seals that rely on sea ice off Alaska's northwest coast have been dying at uncommon rates, and federal marine mammal biologists Thursday declared an "unusual mortality event."

The cause of death for nearly 300 ringed, bearded and spotted seals since June 1, 2018, is not known, according to the fisheries arm of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the management agency for the marine mammals.

"We're looking at a broad spectrum of possible causes and trying to rule out what we can and narrow it down," NOAA Fisheries spokeswoman Julie Speegle said.

Viruses, bacteria and algal blooms are possible causes. Water temperature in the northern Bering Sea and the Chukchi Sea the last two summers have been higher than normal. The agency is looking at possible ecosystem influences, including diminished sea ice, Speegle said. Alaska Native coastal communities hunt all three seals for meat and hides as part of a subsistence life.

NOAA Fisheries received reports of 282 dead seals, almost five times more than the average number of reported strandings, according to the agency. The count included 85 bearded seals, 66 ringed seals, 40 spotted seals and 91 seals that were not identified.

The deaths occurred over all age groups. The deaths both years occurred mostly from June to September.

Some stranded seals were missing fur or were skinnier than normal, but the time between death and discovery of a carcass hinder investigators.

"Many of the seals have been pretty badly decomposed so it's been hard to identify exactly what the fat layer is," Speegle said. Federal law defines an unusual mortality event as strandings that involve a



This undated photo provided by the U.S. National Park Service shows a dead seal found on a beach near Kotzebue, Alaska.

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significant die-off and demand an immediate response. The declaration allows the agency to focus resources on an investigation.

Bearded seals get their name from short snouts covered with thick, long, white whiskers. Bearded seals give birth and rear pups on drifting pack ice. Ringed seals are the smallest of Alaska's ice seals and

Ringed seals are the smallest of Alaska's ice seals and are the main prey of polar bears. They get their name from small, light-colored circles on their coats.

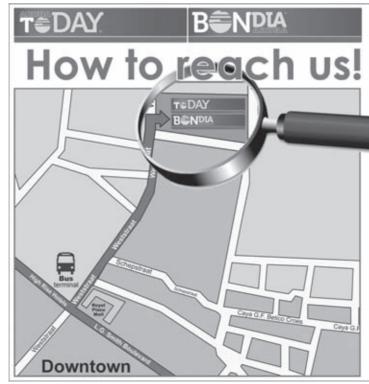
Ringed seals are the only seals that thrive in completely ice-covered Arctic waters. They use strong claws to maintain breathing holes in thick ice and give birth in lairs dug in snow that accumulates on top of ice. Young pups cannot survive in cold wa-

ter until they have grown a blubber layer.

Spotted seals are mediumsize seals with light coats and dark spots. They often are found at the outer margins of shifting ice floes.

NOAA Fisheries also declared an unusual mortality event following abnormal molting and deaths of ice seals and walruses from 2011 to 2016. A definitive cause was not identified. But biologists don't believe that event, marked by animals with hair loss and skin lesions, is connected to the current event. The agency estimated that 657 seals were affected over those six years.

Ringed seals and some populations of bearded seals are listed as threatened species because of the loss of sea ice due to climate warming.



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Summer of Blob: Maine sees more big, stinging jellyfish

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Seaside New England is known for rocky shores, seafood shacks, chance whale sightings and, in recent months, lots of gooey, tentacled blobs.

The Gulf of Maine and some of its beaches, ever popular with tourists, have recorded a high number of sightings of a big jellyfish that has the ability to sting swimmers and occasionally

The lion's mane jellyfish, the largest known variety, can grow to five or more feet across, with tentacles more than 100 feet long.

Such giant jellyfish are uncommon, but beachgoers say larger than average ones have been exceptionally plentiful this year in the gulf, which touches Maine, two other states and two Canadian provinces.

Becky Rice-Barnes of Mariaville and her husband Jimmy were out digging for claims at Maine's Lamoine Beach recently when they



In this May 12, 2019, photo provided by Rebecca Rice-Barnes, Jimmy Barnes, of Mariaville, Maine, observes a large lion's mane jellyfish that washed ashore on Lamoine Beach, Maine. **Associated Press**

found a five-foot specimen resembles a bloody crime washed ashore.

"My husband said you're not going to believe what's over here, and I didn't," Rice-Barnes said. "We've seen red jellyfish before, we've just never seen a red jellyfish that's huge."

Jellyfish are tracked each summer by Nick Record, a senior research scientist at Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences in East Boothbay, Maine. Typically fewer than half the jellyfish reported are lion's manes. This year, almost all of several hundred jellyfish observed were the lion's mane variety. The exact number of total jellyfish sightings isn't available yet, but Record said it's on pace to be in the typical range of 300

Unlike other jellyfish common off Maine, they're not entirely translucent. In the water, they resemble a drifting fireball, and when washed on land they can collapse into a mess that scene.

Record takes reports about jellyfish encounters via a website, the Jellyfish Reporter, that allows beachgoers and boaters to provide details about sightings. A couple of lion's manes five or six feet across, and many have been a foot and a half to two feet.

The lion's mane lives in cold waters in many parts of the world. The jellyfish uses its tentacles to capture prey, and its sting can be painful to humans, though not typically life-threatening. At least five swimmers in Maine have reported stings this year.

"Just a gigantic, scary jellyfish that you would not want to run into in the water," Record said of larger lion's manes. "It has been kind of a steady stream of them all summer."

"Every once in a while I get pictures of people holding a lion's mane jellyfish," he said. "Don't do that."



This image made available by the European Space agency shows galaxies in the Hubble Ultra Deep Field 2012, an improved version of the Hubble Ultra Deep Field image.

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Study finds the universe might be 2 billion years younger

By SETH BORENSTEIN **WASHINGTON (AP)** — The universe is looking younger every day, it seems.

New calculations suggest the universe could be a couple billion years younger than scientists now estimate, and even younger than suggested by two other calculations published this year that trimmed hundreds of millions of years from the age of the cos-

The huge swings in scientists' estimates — even this new calculation could be off by billions of years — reflect different approaches

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to the tricky problem of figuring the universe's real age.

"We have large uncertainty for how the stars are moving in the galaxy," said Inh Jee, of the Max Plank Institute in Germany, lead author of the study in Thursday's journal Science.

Scientists estimate the age of the universe by using the movement of stars to measure how fast it is expanding. If the universe is expanding faster, that means it got to its current size more quickly, and therefore must be relatively younger.

The expansion rate, called the Hubble constant, is one of the most important numbers in cosmology. A larger Hubble Constant makes for a faster moving — and younger — universe.

The generally accepted age of the universe is 13.7 billion years, based on a Hubble Constant of 70.

Jee's team came up with a Hubble Constant of 82.4, which would put the age of the universe at around 11.4 billion years.

Jee used a concept called gravitational lensing where gravity warps light and makes far away objects look closer. They rely on a special type of that effect called time delay lensing, using the changing brightness of distant objects to gather information for their calculations.

But Jee's approach is only one of a few new ones that have led to different numbers in recent years, reopening a simmering astronomical debate of the 1990s that had been seemingly settled. Jee and outside experts had big caveats for her number. She used only two gravitational lenses, which were all that were available, and so her margin of error is so large that it's possible the universe could be older than calculated, not dramatically younger.



Jacobs dreams a little dream to close Fashion Week on a high

NEW YORK (AP) — Twice a year, the New York fashion world trudges to the Upper East Side and the cavernous Park Avenue Armory to see what new tricks Marc Jacobs has up his sleeve. Somehow Jacobs, who has the final Fashion Week slot every time — a position of considerable pressure tends to find a way to surprise and impress. But on Wednesday night he also sent a jolt of delight through the crowd with a joyful and dreamlike ode to fashion of all kinds and all eras.

"Tonight is our reminder of the joy in dressing up," he wrote in notes left on guests' chairs, "our unadulterated love of fashion and embracing grand gestures of unbridled expressions, reactions, ideas and possibilities."

If that was a mouthful, it reflected the ebullient mood of the show. Normally, Jacobs' models walk down a runway in a dark room with a determined pout on their



The Marc Jacobs collection is modeled during Fashion Week, Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2019, in New York

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faces. Here, the lights were on and the models were smiling, winking, even waving as they sashayed by. The room looked different, too. Entering to take their seats, guests found the

huge Armory floor empty except for a gaggle of mismatched white chairs arranged in uneven rows at the back, as if in an abandoned vintage furniture store.

Suddenly the doors opened and Jacobs' models — 61 of them — entered the room to the strains of Mama Cass singing "Dream a Little Dream of Me." They spread out horizontally and

then marched directly to the audience, right past them in their chairs, and out the other side of the room. Were these wonderfully colorful creatures, resembling the cast of a Fellini film on steroids, now gone? Thankfully, they returned and the show began in earnest, with models emerging one by one to parade in a circle around the seats.

There was color, sparkle, craftsmanship, dazzling variety — and far too many cultural references to count. Bella Hadid looked like a cowboy, in shades of purple, red and gray. Her sister, Gigi Hadid, was barefoot, in a pastel blue minidress and round hat that resembled a 1960s airline hostess.

There were sartorial nods to people who died recently: Chanel's longtime designer Karl Lagerfeld, who died in February; Lee Radziwill, who died the same month, and Anita Pallenberg, who died in 2017.



Immigration tale 'El Norte' returning to theaters for 1 day

PHOENIX (AP) — "El Norte," the seminal film about a brother and sister who flee violence in Guatemala to seek a new life in the United States, is returning to the big screen for one day this month to commemorate its 35th anniversary.

As the flood of Guatemalans and other Central Americans endure the arduous trek to The North, the movie feels as fresh today as it did more than a

generation ago, when civil war raged in the highlands south of Mexico.

Today's migrants are more likely to have small children in tow, but they aren't much different than those wayfarers of the past. The Central Americans showing up these days on the southern border say they are also escaping poverty and violence, now inflicted mostly by street gangs called maras, which have



This image released by Lionsgate shows a scene from "El Norte," the 1984 classic movie about Latin American immigration to the U.S.

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transformed their countries into some of the most dangerous in the world.

Restored by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, Gregory Nava's "El Norte" will be play on Sept. 15 at some 200 movie theaters nationwide. Showings will feature an introduction by Nava, whose other films include the hit "Selena" and "My Family."

Tickets are available through cinema distributor Fathom Events and participating movie theaters. The anniversary showing will be followed with the release of the restored version of the movie on digital formats by Lionsgate.

"I made 'El Norte' in large part because we needed a message of compassion and humanity" about immigrants, said Nava, who directed the 1984 film from a screenplay co-written with Anna Thomas. The pair was nominated for the best screenplay Oscar.

"It made the difference in helping legalize millions of people," said Nava. "We need that message again." Two years after "El Norte" was released, the Immigration Reform and Control Act was signed into law by President Ronald Reagan, legalizing most immigrants who arrived in the country before Jan. 1, 1982 without permission.

Many of the several million

people subsequently legalized were Mexicans. But migrants continued to flow into the U.S. from Mexico as well as Guatemala, where through most of the 1980s the U.S. supplied military training and materials to that country's army for a brutal counterinsurgency campaign.

Nava, 70, learned about the struggles of immigration growing up in San Diego in a family wounded by the early 1930s deportation of his Mexican American grandfather, one of many U.S. citizens and legal residents kicked out of the county during an antiimmigrant campaign by the administration of President Herbert Hoover. Nava's grandmother was left alone in California to raise seven children, including the filmmaker's father.

"My family was ripped apart because of this, something we left hidden in a closet of shame," said Nava, who now lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Nava said much of the film was made in the southern Mexican state of Chiapas because the civil war made working in Guatemala too dangerous. More than 200,000 people were killed or forcibly disappeared, many of them ethnic Mayans, during 36 years of hostilities that ended with 1996 peace accords

between the government and leftist rebels.

"El Norte" tells the story of siblings Rosa and Enrique Xuncax, who flee Guatemala after the army slaughters or takes away almost everyone in their small rural community.

The siblings played by Mexican actors Zaide Silvia Gutiérrez and David Villalpando launch their dangerous trek through Mexico after Enrique gets advice from a family friend on how to convince "la migra," or U.S. immigration authorities, he's a Mexican if he's detained

Curse like crazy, the friend says, and the agents will believe you are a Mexican and send you back over the border to Tijuana, Mexico rather than all the way to Guatemala.

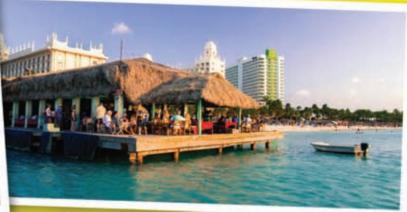
When they get to Tijuana, the siblings face a whole new set of challenges, including a terrifying journey crawling under the border through an old sewage tunnel into San Diego.

In another notable scene after they get to Los Angeles, Rosa becomes overwhelmed by the dizzying array of options on a modern washing machine. Nacha, a factory worker and maid played by the nowlate Mexican American actress Lupe Ontiveros, befriends young Rosa as she adjusts to her new life.



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'This Tender Land' is an affecting story about growing up

By OLINE H. COGDILL **Associated Press**

"This Tender Land: a Novel" (Atria Books), by William Kent Krueger

of Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer on the Mississippi River echo throughout William Kent Krueger's lyrical, compassionate "This Tender Land" in which four children try to escape their brutal life by taking a canoe down the Minnesota River.

about private investigator Cork O'Connor, Krueger delves deep into his secan affecting story about to all the children. during the Depression.

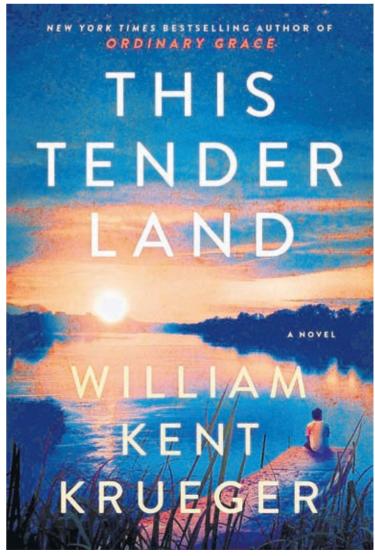
1932 when narrator Odysseus "Odie" O'Banion and his brother Albert endure a constant barrage of brutal

treatment at the Lincoln Indian Training School in Minnesota where they were sent after their bootlegger father was murdered. The Strands of the adventures brothers stand out as the only white children among the Native Americans at the school where Odie is the rebel while Albert tries to go by the rules. Their closest friends are Mose, a teenage Sioux whose tongue was cut off when he was a child, and Emmy, a bright Best known for his series little girl whose mother is a teacher at the school. Emmy's mother and an ethical janitor are the only adults ond stand-alone novel for at the school who are kind

growing up and overcom- Fed up with the abuse and stories have earned the ing a childhood filled with trying to escape the after- author several awards and neglect, abuse and racism math of a fatal incident, his stand-alone "Ordinary "This Tender Land" opens in noe on the Gilead River awards including the Ed-Minnesota River. They plan novel. "This Tender Land" to eventually make their way onto the Mississippi Riv-

er with their final goal being St. Louis. There, the brothers hope their Aunt Julia, whom they have only seen a few times, will take them all in. But the trip is fraught with peril — from the rivers themselves and from the law. Newspaper accounts maintain that Emmy was kidnapped and law enforcement officers up and down the river are on the lookout for them, as are the cruel owners of the school. Except for the naive Emmy, the children have learned not to trust adults and, for the most part, that is reinforced on the trip.

Krueger's Cork O'Connor the four set out on the ca- Grace" won numerous that will connect to the gar and Anthony for best should earn Krueger more accolades.



This cover image released by Atria shows "This Tender Land," a novel by William Kent Krueger.

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Are old-fashioned road trips trendy again?

By BETH J. HARPAZ Associated Press

Suddenly, old-fashioned road trips are trendy again. Surveys show they're on the rise. Websites, newspapers, magazines and even books are featuring road trips like they're the next big thing even though they're actually a longstanding American tradition steeped in nostalgia and pop culture, from the 1950s Beat Generation literary classic "On the Road" to the 1983 comedy movie "National Lampoon's Vacation." On Instagram, the hashtag #roadtrip shows up 37 million times. In some ways, the comeback of this 20th centurystyle vacation is surprising in an era when "time has become more far more precious than money, a priceless commodity not to be squandered lumbering along down endless miles of highway," writes Richard Ratay in his upcoming book, "Don't Make Me Pull Over!: An Informal History of

In other words, why spend 18 hours driving 1,200 miles when you could get there in two hours by plane?

the Family Road Trip."

Well, here's why: flying is expensive, and the more people taking the trip, the cheaper it is to pile everyone in a car (instead of buying airfare for a family of four).

Flying is also unpleasant. Getting to the airport, allowing time for security,



In this March 27, 2013, file photo, a car is silhouetted against the setting sun as it travels along Interstate 70 in Kansas City, Kan.

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dealing with delays and baggage can easily turn a two-hour flight into a trip that sucks up most of your day and all of your soul. For some travelers, it's more appealing to get up early, hit the road and spend all day driving. At least you can bring more than one bag without paying extra. And you can stop where you want, when you want. So is the summer of 2018 the summer of the road trip? Here are some insights into why it might be, along with some resources for planning your own road trip.

SURVEYS

MMGY Global's 2017-18 Portrait of American Travelers found road trips represented 39 percent of vacations taken by American travelers in 2016, up from 22 percent in 2015. The top reason cited for taking road trips: the ability to make stops along the way. Other reasons (besides lower costs and avoiding air travel) include the ease of taking pets along and the ability to make plans last-minute.

One surprise finding: The resurgence in road trips is "led by millennials," said Steve Cohen, senior vice president, travel insights, MMGY Global. "When we look at the total number of road trips, there were more taken by millennials than any other generation." And even though they're young, nostalgia plays a role. Millennials are remembering trips they took "when they were kids, which wasn't that long ago," Cohen said. The price of gas, by the way, matters less than you might expect. A recent AAA survey concluded that even though gas costs more now than at any time since 2014, that's not keeping people home. AAA also said road trips were the most popular option for family vacations in their survey. Another report, this one from Ford, called "The New American Road Trip(pers): How 'Digital Nomads' and Technology Blur Work and Play," found 50 percent of those surveyed said road trips are more appealing than other forms of travel like air, cruise and trains because you can be "more spontaneous" when you're driving.

IN PRINT

Road trips are getting a lot of attention lately from print media and the publishing industry.

The New York Times ran a story earlier this year headlined "The Great American Road Trip: Shorter and More Popular Than Ever." The cover story in the summer issue of Lonely Planet's magazine is titled, "Our favorite road trips: Ireland, Alberta, Botswana, North Carolina, Texas, Australia and more." The Wall Street Journal called van trips "the latest luxury getaway," while a recent coffee-table book, "Van Life: Your Home on the Road," by Foster Huntington, grew out of the author's three-year adventure traveling around North America in a Volkswagen

Skift.com, the travel industry website, just completed a three-part series called "The Future of American Road Trips," stating that road trips are "statistically on the rise due to both economic and cultural factors." New technology like mobile map-

ping services, the ability to research and book lodging and tours as you go, and options for working remotely have also made it easier for people to hop in their cars and head out.

WHERE TO GO

A colossal 960-page book published in May called "The Road Trip Book: 1001 Drives of a Lifetime," edited by Darryl Sleath, describes road trips all over the globe, from South Africa's Chapman's Peak Drive to California's Pacific Coast Highway to the Pamir Highway from Afghanistan to Kyrgzystan. Many of the trips are accompanied by digital route outlines that can be explored with GoogleMaps. Chevrolet worked with a data scientist, Randy Olson, to calculate the most efficient road trip route around the U.S., with one family-friendly stop in each of the 48 contiguous states. It would take 214 hours (around nine days) of nonstop driving to complete the entire 13,000-mile route. The itinerary ranges from Disneyland in Anaheim, California, to national parks like the Grand Canyon and Yellowstone, to the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Lake Champlain in Vermont and the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta. Here's an interactive map of the route: http:// rhiever.github.io/optimalroadtrip-usa/chevroletfamily-road-trip-national. html .



In this Jan. 14, 2016, file photo, vehicles travel along Interstate 70 near Odessa. Mo.

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In this July 1971, file photo, a car travels on one of the major roads leading from Tehran across the Elburz Mountains to the Caspian Sea for a vacation in Iran.

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